What’s New on View

An exciting exhibition, curated by William J. Dane and Chad Leinaweaver, shows off many of the new gifts and purchases of the Special Collections Division, and also highlights the collections accumulated over the past 100 years. Entitled Just In and Out Again: New Original Prints, Posters, Artists’ Books, Pop-up Books & Visual Art Surprises, this dazzling display is on view on the 3rd-floor gallery through April 10.

“The Special Collections staff is always eager to display new material,” notes William J. Dane. “This exhibition is a wonderful opportunity to show off the many wonderful recent gifts and Library purchases that demonstrate different graphic art techniques and showcase many New Jersey and international artists.”

Some of the new works on view are a gouache painting by Burhan Dogancay, a gift from William Peniston; a selection of gifts from artist Ellen Nathan Singer; two donations of New York-based artist Evelyn Eller; numerous screen prints and silkscreen greeting cards by Max Arthur Cohn, donated by his daughter, Jane Waldbaum; and two gifts from Newark-based artist Kenneth Schnall, who specializes in “painter’s books.”

Careful selection was made to include samples of fine material from our “archive” of cataloged collections that have not been included in past shows for many decades. Items such as vintage circus posters, prints and art books from American, European and Japanese artists, and new and old children’s illustrated books will also be featured.

For more information on Just In and Out Again, call 973-733-7745.
Most year’s presidential campaign and election were regarded by many as excellent examples of “democracy in action.” Indeed, the election drew laser-like focus on the democratic principles that form the foundation of the American government and its institutions; and nowhere are those principles more evident than in our public libraries.

Underlying the services provided is the long-held philosophy that persons of any age, ethnicity, class, economic status, religion, gender, or physical condition are entitled to free and ready access. Librarians are honor bound to uphold that philosophy which has been codified by the American Library Association through such documents as “The Library Bill of Rights,” “The Freedom to Read Statement,” “The Freedom to View Statement,” “Libraries: An American Value,” and the “ALA Code of Ethics.” These fundamental democratic principles enable libraries to give free access to books and information, as well as access to a wide range of other offerings. For example, the Newark Public Library’s collection of more than 1.5 million volumes is available to residents of Newark and libraries throughout the State. The Library also provides Internet access, public programs for adults and children, exhibitions, literacy and ESOL training, reference services, assistance with tax forms, book discussions and lectures, SAT preparation for aspiring college students, and meeting space for community groups.

While we often take these services for granted, it is worthy of reflection that the type of open access that we have in the United States is not available in many parts of the world. We are fortunate to live in a system where these freedoms are valued, but we must be sure to continue to protect and support those freedoms. For if we are not vigilant, the rights and privileges that we now enjoy can easily slip away.

Wilma J. Grey, Director

The New Jersey Center for the Book partnered with the Newark Public Library to present a full day of programs devoted to the many varieties of information literacy. The October 22nd event attracted more than 250 teachers, librarians, school administrators and media specialists. Newark City Council President Mildred Crump, Commissioner of Education Lucille Davy, and Rutgers SCILS Dean Emeritus Gus Friedrich were among the distinguished guests.

During one program, poet David Tucker signed copies of his broadside. At the closing session, John Cole, director of the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress, gave remarks and introduced keynote speaker John Scieszka, the National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature.

The day’s event also celebrated the 6th anniversary of the Library’s designation as a New Jersey Literary Landmark by the New Jersey Center for the Book.

Left: John Scieszka, bestselling children’s author, was the event’s keynote speaker and discussed reaching reluctant readers.

Right: In attendance at the seminar were Lucille E. Davy, New Jersey Commissioner of Education; Renee Swartz, Chair and Coordinator of the NJ Center for the Book; and Dean Jorge Reina Schement, Rutgers SCILS.
Centuries of Fine Press Works on Display

Nearly 85 years ago, the Library was the recipient of an outstanding donation of 288 books showing off the work of fine presses and the art of printing. The collection was from Richard C. Jenkinson, who at that point was a 30-year veteran as a Library trustee and the current Board President. Today, the Richard C. Jenkinson Collection stands at more than 3,600 titles, representing over 800 presses.

We are pleased to highlight a selection of books from this collection in a new exhibition, Collecting the History of Printing: Building Upon the Richard C. Jenkinson Collection. Curated by William J. Dane and Chad Leinaweaver, Special Collections Division, it will be on view in the third-floor gallery from April 27 to July 3. The New Jersey Council for the Humanities provided valuable funding to mount this show and the two related programs.

Certain monumental works of printing from within the Library’s collections will also be shown, including a page from an original Gutenberg Bible from the 1400s, a 1493 copy of the Liber Chronicarum (the “Nuremberg Chronicle”), and Denis Diderot’s Encyclopédie, ou Dictionnaire Raisonné des Sciences, des Arts et des Métiers, a massive multi-volume set published in France from 1751-1777. Additionally the show features some of the mechanics of printing and fine press books, and chronicles the men behind this major collection concerning fine printing at the Newark Public Library—John Cotton Dana, the Library’s legendary second director, and Jenkinson himself.

Two programs, which are free and open to the public, will be presented during the exhibition’s run. “The History of Fine Printing: Exhibition Talk and Film Showing of The Machine That Made Us” will take place on Thursday, May 7 at 2:00pm. “Examining the Importance of Printing and the Book: A Panel Discussion” will be held on Tuesday, May 12 at 2:00pm.

For more information on Collecting the History of Printing and the related programs call 973-733-7745.

Play Ball!

Get ready sports fans for the beginning of a new baseball season by visiting the Main Library and taking in an electrifying exhibition: The National Pastime Revived in the Garden State. This historical and entertaining show will feature baseball in Newark, Jersey City, and Paterson. Curated by librarian James Lewis of the Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center, it will be on view in the second-floor gallery during April, May and June. Funding for this project comes from an Operating Support Grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission.

Fans of all ages will learn about Newark’s first professional team, the Newark Peppers of the Federal League, while taking a nostalgic look at the glory years of Newark baseball.

Contemporary Garden State–based teams of the Atlantic League, Can-Am League, Eastern League and South Atlantic League will be covered in dramatic photographs and memorabilia.

This spring is an exciting time for baseball enthusiasts in New Jersey as our Newark Bears host the Atlantic League All-Star Game on June 23rd. Before you catch a game, stop by the Library and learn about the sport that has amused and amazed New Jerseyans for well over a century.

Special thanks for the development of this exhibition go to Bob Golon, author of No Minor Accomplishment: The Revival of New Jersey Professional Baseball.

For more information about this baseball retrospective call James Lewis at 973-733-7776.
More than 260 guests were in attendance at the Newark Public Library’s 2008 signature fundraiser, *Booked for the Evening*. The gala dinner was another huge success, raising nearly $200,000 for the Annual Fund Campaign.

Dennis Bone of Verizon New Jersey served as Dinner Chair. Susan Bass Levin of the Port Authority of NY & NJ and Paul J. St. Onge, Esq. of Gibbons, LLP were event committee co-chairs.

The gala honored former NPL Board President Trish Morris-Yamba and Zachary Yamba, PhD; outgoing Newark Public Schools Superintendent Marion Bolden; McCarter & English, LLP; and longtime NPL users and advocates Warren and Andrea Grover.

An enthusiastic speech by young patron Mahishan Gnanaseharan on the value of the Newark Public Library followed welcoming remarks from Mayor Cory Booker. Joint resolutions from the NJ State Senate/Assembly also paid tribute to the honorees.
The Newark Public Library extends a special thank you to those who helped to make Booked for the Evening the enormous success that it was.

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Exhibition Salutes Medical Profession

Entitled *Dear & Glorious Physician: The History of Black Doctors, Nurses and Hospitals in Newark and Beyond*, this year’s exhibition seeks to educate the public about the accomplishments of the profession in the areas of social justice, human rights and community development. It is on view in the second-floor gallery from January 2 through March 28. Author and historian Sandra L. West, a library associate in the James Brown African-American Room, curated the show. *Dear & Glorious Physician* was funded by PNC Foundation.

Some of the pioneering local physicians included in this historical memoir and salute are Rev. Dr. Edward Verner, Dr. John Kenney, Dr. Theodore Inge, Dr. Louis T. Wright, Dr. Charles C. Polk, Dr. Walter L. Darden and Dr. Reynold Burch. Also featured are Newark’s all-black Kenney Hospital and the all-black National Medical Association. On display are antique medical instruments, manuscripts, books, period photographs and articles on contemporary medical doctors.

Linda Kenney Miller, granddaughter of Dr. John Kenney, will be the keynote speaker at the opening reception that inaugurates officially the Library’s exhibition and programming for Black History Month. The reception will be held in Centennial Hall on January 29, beginning 5:00pm. It is cosponsored by the Newark Landmarks and Preservation Committee, Newark History Society, New Salem Baptist Church, and The Institute on Ethnicity, Culture and the Modern Experience.

For more information on *Dear & Glorious Physician* call the Library at 973-733-5411 or visit us on the Web at www.npl.org.

Devoted to Book Discussions

The Frances E.W. Harper Literary Society, chaired by Dorothea Moore, is dedicated to discussing books on the African Diaspora. This year, the first three programs have a special focus on timely celebrations: Black History (February), Women’s History (March) and National Poetry Month (April).

All of the Society’s programs are held on the first Wednesday of the month and begin at 6:30pm. For more information on the Society and the books under discussion in the following list, please call 973-733-5411.

- **February 4**  
  *They Came Before Columbus: The African Presence in Ancient America* by Ivan Van Sertima.

- **March 4**  
  *How Sweet the Sound* by Cissy Houston.

- **April 1**  
  Entitled “I Hear the Call of the Poets,” the program will feature a selection of readings.

- **May 6**  
  *I Heard the Owl Call My Name* by Margaret Craven.

- **June 3**  
  *The African in Me* by Howard Gordon.

Celebrating the Dream

Philadelphia native Lois Moses (pictured) and Rhetta Morgan will present their original theater project on the legacy of Dr. King.

On Thursday, January 15, the Library will present its annual Dr. King commemoration. Lois Moses, Esq., actress, poet, lawyer and therapist, and Rhetta Morgan, performer and educator, will share a special performance of their original theater project, *Celebrating the Dream: The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.* It will be held in Centennial Hall, beginning at 6:00pm.

The event is a collaboration of the spoken word, theater and music that explores the legacy of Dr. King and the struggle for civil rights. For more information call 973-733-5411.

Many of our community Branches will be offering special Dr. King programs for children and families. Please call your respective Branch to learn more.
Exhibition

2nd-Floor Gallery • January 21 to March 28
Dear & Glorious Physician: The History of Black Doctors, Nurses and Hospitals in Newark and Places Just Beyond the River seeks to educate the public about the accomplishments of the profession in the areas of social justice, human rights and community development.

Remembering My Dad, The Doctor

Wednesday, February 25
Centennial Hall, 6:00pm
A roundtable discussion by the children of community activists and physicians, featuring author Carole Darden-Lloyd (Dr. Walter Darden), pediatrician Dr. Edvina Verner (Dr. Edward Verner), and retired librarian Ms. Barbara Polk-Riley (Dr. Charles Polk). Journalist Caryl Lucas will lead the discussion.

With Love, Lorraine

Tuesday, March 10
Centennial Hall, 6:00pm
With Love, Lorraine is a one-woman play performed by award-winning actor Elizabeth Van Dyke. It celebrates the 50th Anniversary of A Raisin in the Sun, Lorraine Hansberry’s seminal play that, in 1959, starred Sidney Poitier and Ruby Dee.

Wellness Day

Saturday, March 28
James Brown African-American Room
Noon to 5:00pm
An afternoon of wellness-themed classes: Megan Garcia on “Yoga for Plus Size,” Celeste Bateman on being a Myasthenia Gravis Survivor, and Chiropractor Dr. Tashia Hillard discusses the human skeletal system.

All programs are free and open to the public. For more information call us at 973-733-5411, or visit us on the Web at www.npl.org. In case of inclement weather, please call 973-733-7784 to determine whether the NPL is open.
Since cold temperatures are still with us, the Library has brought fun in the sun indoors with many exciting children’s programs. *Hooray for Children* and *Programs @ the Branches* are just two examples. To learn more, visit kidsplace.npl.org/calendar.html.

*Hooray for Children* is a monthly series of live performances by puppeteers, storytellers, magicians and theater groups that takes place at the Main Library. Check the box below to see what’s happening. For further information, call the Main Library Children’s Room at 973-733-7797.

Thanks to an initiative funded by the Newark Public Schools, the NPL has been able to expand our monthly children’s programs system wide. Known as *Programs @ the Branches*, this series is both entertaining and informative. These specially designed shows—such as “The Science of Magic,” “One-Woman Circus,” “The World of Exotic Animals,” and “The Puppet Theater”—are great for the entire family. To learn what’s planned for the months ahead, visit any NPL Children’s Room.

Many of the Children’s Rooms have planned special events in celebration of Black History Month. See what your neighborhood location has in store the next time you visit.

### January 24
**African Folk Tales**

Inspired by Anansi the Spider and other stories, the folk traditions of Africa are introduced in this delectable program of stories, dance, mime, music and audience participation. Tales include Anansi and the Box of Stories, the Possum and the Snake, Why Monkeys Live in Trees, How the Zebra Got His Stripes and much more.

### February 21
**Fire on the Mountain—Flying Ship Productions**

Journey with Alemayu, a young shepherd boy, through the mountains as he searches for his sister and learns life’s lessons of character, honesty, courage and love. Award-winning children’s author Jane Kurtz first brought this tale to American readers after hearing it while growing up in Ethiopia. The rich cultural heritage of this African region influences the music, staging, costuming and scenery in this wonderful, uplifting new musical.

### March 21
**Super Circus Stuff**

Thrill to the circus skills of Mr. Fish and Lisa Lou as they present a two-person show full of comedy, excitement and audience participation while performing a variety of exciting circus routines.

### April 18
**Transformation Show — Stories for Earth Day**

Christopher Agostino presents *Voices of the Earth*, a program of traditional folktales and original stories, illustrated by his amazing face painting on audience volunteers. In a playful storytelling style combined with mask and makeup art from world cultures that tell ecology tales, he creates a unique performance to engage any audience.

### May 2
**Reading Is Cool — The Magic of Books**

Master magician Jim Vagias combines magic, humor, storytelling, and audience participation to motivate young people (adults too!) to turn them onto books and reading and explore the library, the most magical place of all.
With the school year at midpoint, perhaps now is the time for students to seek help with special assignments—or with their daily homework. The Library has two key ways to help: Club Success and Homework Help NJ.

Now in our 15th year of offering Club Success, which is funded by the Newark Public Schools, Newark students in grades 1 through 8 can receive focused and aggressive teacher-supervised assistance with their homework while using Library materials and electronic resources. Clubs meet Monday through Thursday at all NPL locations. For more information or to join a Club, call or stop by any Children’s Room, or visit http://www.npl.org/Pages/KidsPlace/club.htm.

The second key program, Homework Help NJ, is powered by tutor.com and underwritten by PSE&G in partnership with the New Jersey State Library. It offers students in grades K to 12 free help with assignments and tutoring sessions in math, science, social studies and English—all via the Internet. Available system wide, or remotely with your NPL card number, tutors stand ready online 7 days a week, from 3pm to 8pm; assistance in Spanish is offered Sunday to Thursday. To access the site, go to www.npl.org/Pages/InternetResources/index.html then click on the letter “H,” and select homeworkhelpnj.org.

The New Jersey Devils sponsored their third annual essay contest, in which the hockey team encouraged students to participate by writing 200 words or fewer on the theme “Newark, Hockey & Me.” Youngsters entered based on their grade-level category. The winners, with Branch Library affiliation, were Eriel Montesino (Branch Brook), Mahishan Gnanescharan (First Avenue), and Laura Ramos (Branch Brook). They are pictured, wearing their monogrammed Devils’ shirts, with their backpack of prizes that included 4 tickets to a Devils home game.
The Deaf Awareness Club of Newark, which meets in the Main Library’s Special Services Room, sponsors educational programs and conducts topical discussions of interest to the deaf community and their families and friends. The Library also offers free ASL classes. For more information call 973-733-5412 or email lgreggs@npl.org.

“Just the Fax.”

Although the phrase “Just the facts, Ma’am” is attributed to Dragnet’s Sgt. Joe Friday, he actually said, “All we want are the facts, ma’am.” Well, here is a fact just for our patrons: The Main Library offers public fax service.

Need to contact an employer quickly? File a legal document? Expedite a medical claim? The possibilities are endless for this new patron service.

The machine is located on the second floor, in the Periodicals area. Please note it is only for outgoing faxes—the Library cannot receive faxes for patrons—and that it is a pay service.

There is a $1.50 fee for the first page sent, and $1.00 for each additional page. International faxes are charged at a higher cost per page. Patrons may use their credit or debit cards—MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and American Express—to pay the necessary fee. You may also purchase a prepaid Fax Cash Card at the Periodicals desk that is available in three denominations: $1.50, $3.50, and $6.50.

No charge is made to any card until the fax is sent successfully. Those are the facts.

This public fax machine is located on Main Library’s second floor.
Listen Up, New Jersey

Here is your opportunity to listen to popular or classic fiction—even language-learning titles—absolutely free!

In February, the Library will offer ListenNJ, a downloadable audio books project of the INFORMLINK and Central Jersey Regional Library Cooperative. This new service has hundreds of titles that are compatible with MP3 players, as well as with many Apple iPods® and cell phones.

NPL cardholders can access the digital library 24/7 from their home computers at our website: www.npl.org. A maximum of five titles may be borrowed at the same time for a loan period of ten days. This makes it an ideal service for commuters, students and vacationers.

The first time a patron checks out materials, instructions are provided to download the necessary software that provides users with a superior audio book listening and navigation experience.

Enjoy spoken-word books, anytime, anywhere. Free!

N.J. Illustration Index Digitized

Thanks to three grants beginning in 2007, the generosity of the New Jersey Historical Commission has enabled the NPL to digitize more than 226,000 index cards that comprise the New Jersey Illustration Index. This electronic tool is now part of Clavis, the Library’s on-line catalog.

What makes this so important is that the digitized index expands researchers’ possibilities, because key-word searching is now a reality. It enables one to determine more readily whether the Library has specific illustrations, as well as a collection of books on an illustration’s subject.

The project was coordinated by Bruce Ford, Assistant Director of Access Services, which oversees the catalog; and Librarian James Lewis and Supervising Librarian George Hawley, both of the Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center.

For information or assistance with conducting a search with this index, please call the Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center at 973-733-7775.

Let’s All Make Books

Dozens of visitors took part in the December 13 program to learn and practice a variety of basic bookmaking and paper-folding techniques. Through activity stations, members of The Book Arts Roundtable demonstrated different techniques and assisted participants in creating their own projects. The program was held in conjunction with the Library’s More Than Words: Artists’ Books and Book Art From the Special Collections of the Newark Public Library exhibition, curated by Jared Ash, that concluded on January 4.
Book Sale Bonanza

The Friends’ Annual Book Sale promises to be the best event ever. Featured will be a wide selection of children’s and adults’ paperbacks and hardbacks, as well as DVDs, CDs, records, videos, reference works and posters.

Mark your calendar now for this blockbuster event:
✓ Saturday, April 18, 9am to 5pm
✓ Tuesday, April 21, 10am to 6pm
✓ Thursday, April 23, 10am to 6pm
✓ Saturday, April 25, 9am to 5pm

Those individuals and organizations wishing to help sort the materials before and/or during this fundraiser should leave a message for Jerry Caprio by calling the Library at 973-733-7793, or by emailing friends@npl.org.

See you in April for a great bargain.

Friends Elect New Board Members

The Friends dedicated the December 10 annual meeting in loving memory of Katherine Bell Banks, a treasured “friend” and avid supporter. The organization received a very generous $5000 bequest from Banks’ Estate earlier in the year.

At the meeting, the Friends elected two new board members: Kay Geter and Daniel Kitchen.

Check Out the NPL Blog

The Library has a blog on the “Newark Live” site on nj.com that tells what’s happening at the NPL. Have some fun and check us out today by visiting www.nj.com/newark/npl.